THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The private LPG marketeers have represented *inter-alia* on the issues relating to subsidy on domestic LPG, increase in excise duty, allowing private sector to sell subsidized LPG etc. The subsidy scheme for domestic LPG has not been finalised as yet.

Allocation of more gas to States

3202. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of natural gas distribution and consumption marketed by the oil and gas companies, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat; and

(b) the measures being taken to provide more natural gas to the States, particularly to the backward areas in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The details are given in the Statement. (*see* below).

(b) Apart from increasing the availability of domestic gas by indigenous exploration and exploitation of fields, the Government have plans to import natural gas and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for supply to various consumers in the country including the State of Gujarat. Also, Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) has signed a Sale Purchase Agreement with M/s Ras Gas of Qatar for import of 5.0 million tonnes per annum (MMTPA) of LNG at Dahej Terminal in Gujarat for supply of re-gasified LNG to the potential consumers. The import of LNG is to commence in December, 2003 at Dahej Terminal.

Statement

State-wise growth rate of natural gas marketed including internal consumption and shrinkage by the oil public sector undertakings during the last three years (i.e. 1999-2000 to 2001-02, upto January, 2002).

Name of State	Supply in million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD)			Growth/Deficit Rate Percentage (+) (−)	
	1999-'00	2000-'01	2001-'02 (upto Jan., 2002)	2000-'01 over 1999-2000	2001-'0 over 2000-'01
Assam	3.45	3.80	3.58	(+) 10.14	(−) 5.79
Cauvery Basin	0.23	0.34	0.69	(+)47.83	(+)102.94
Delhi	0.65	0.94	1.41	(+)44.62	(+)50.00
Gujarat	16.41	16.46	15.14	(+)0.30	(−)8.02
Haryana	1.57	2.34	2.32	(+)49.04	(−)0.85
K.G.Basin	4.34	5.03	5.95	(+)15.90	(+)18.29
Maharashtra	10.57	9.86	9.03	(−)6.72	(−)8.42
Madhya Pradesh	3.10	2.97	3.01	(−)4.19	(+)1.35
Rajasthan	4.41	4.08	3.99	(−)7.48	(−)2.21
Tripura	0.97	1.03	1.14	(+)6.19	(+)10.68
Uttar Pradesh	13.89	14.41	14.08	(+)3.74	(−)2.29
TOTAL SALES	59.59	61.26	60.34	(+)2.80	(−)1.50
Internal Consumption & Shrinkage	5.09	5.41	5.94	(+)6.29	(+)9.80
GRAND TOTAL	64.68	66.67	66.28	(+)3.08	(−)0.58